

REMARKS

Status of the claims

New Claims 99-114 are pending upon entry of the amendments submitted herein, and all previously-submitted claims 1-98 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments presented herein can be found, *inter alia*, in the specification on page 20, last full paragraph; the second complete paragraph on page 23; page 30, paragraph 1; and in Tables 1 and 2.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative and the Examiner in charge of this application engaged in a series of informal telephone interviews between July 9th and this date. Applicants wish to express their sincere thanks to the Examiner for the courtesies she exhibited and assistance she provided to their representative in these interviews. The interviews included proposed amendments to claim language acceptable to the Examiner, and resulted in the claims submitted herewith. Pursuant to the discussions in these interviews, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that the claims submitted herewith be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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